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Art Bank acquires 78 new works by contemporary Canadian artists

Ottawa, January 8, 2008 – The Canada Council Art Bank is acquiring 78 new works by Canadian artists. The selection committee chose the works from over 2,100 submissions received. The total value of the artworks is just over $350,000.

The new purchases include works by senior artists such as Aganetha Dyck (Winnipeg), Evergon (Montreal), Spring Hurlbut (Toronto) and Wanda Koop (Winnipeg); as well as emerging and younger artists including Jack Bishop (Nauwigewauk, NB), Sarah Elizabeth Fuller (Banff) and Clayton Hanmer (Toronto); Aboriginal artists such as Adam Alorut (Iqaluit, NU), Wally Dion (Saskatoon), Klatle-Bhi (Squamish, BC), and Doug Smarch Jr (Teslin, YT); and culturally diverse artists Fatima Garzan (Waterloo), Ramona Ramlochand (Québec), Howard Tsui (Ottawa) and Gu Xiong (Vancouver). Downloadable images of the artist's work are posted on the Art Bank web site.

"This year I am pleased that we have been able to purchase a number of works by young artists and artists from diverse cultural backgrounds as well as artworks by established artists who are breaking new ground in their work," said Art Bank Director Victoria Henry. "These are important acquisitions for our clients who are looking for edgier contemporary work."

The works were selected on the basis of artistic excellence, significance to current art practice and suitability for rental. The committee also took into consideration regional representation and cultural diversity and paid particular attention to works by young and emerging artists. The next deadline date for submissions of artwork to the Art Bank has not been confirmed. Artists are encouraged to check the Art Bank website regularly for deadlines and other Art Bank news.

The members of the acquisition committee were: Adrian Stimson, visual artist and associate curator at the Mendel Art Gallery (Saskatoon); visual artist Karen Tam (Montréal); Yves Trépanier, owner of TrépanierBaer Gallery (Calgary); Carol Wainio, visual artist and painting professor at University of Ottawa; and Chantal Gervais, visual artist and photography professor at University of Ottawa.

General information

The Canada Council Art Bank, with approximately 18,000 works, has the largest collection of contemporary Canadian art in the world. It was created to support the efforts of Canadian visual artists and to provide government offices with the opportunity to rent Canadian art for their offices and public spaces. The Art Bank collection is also open to

corporations and private businesses. The Art Bank currently has around 6,400 works rented to more than 200 government and corporate clients.

Canada Council Art Bank: new acquisitions

Name - City, Prov - Title - Category
Glenn Adams - Sackville, NB - Salmon River Viaduct - print
Alvin Adkins - BC - Wonderchild - print
Adam Alorut - Iqaluit, NU - Shaman Transformation - sculpture
Shuvinai Ashoona - Cape Dorset, NU - Composition (people with egg toolboxes) - drawing
Gwenaël Bélanger - Montreal, QC - Le grand fatras - photograph
Marten Berkman - Whitehorse, YT - Snake River Stone (from the series Remote Sensibility) - photograph
Jack Bishop - Nauwigewauk, NB - David Suzuki - painting
Jesse Boles - Toronto, ON - Crude Landscape # 2 - photograph
Dianne Bos - Toronto, ON - Stampede Midway 3 (Exit), Calgary - photograph
Scott Conarroe - London, ON - Shinny Rink - photograph
Scott Cumberland - Edmonton, AB - Northern Green - painting
Sarindar Dhaliwal - Toronto, ON - Rajastani Cricket Pad #1 - sculpture
Wally Dion - Saskatoon, SK - Nurse Tracy - painting
Mario Doucette - Moncton, NB - 1755 (la chasse aux anges) - painting
Keesic Douglas - Vancouver, BC - Split Rock Gap 2007 - photograph
Michael Dumontier - Winnipeg, MB - Matchsticks - print
Aganetha Dyck - Winnipeg, MB - Hive Scans - photograph
Evergon - Montreal, QC - Margaret Facing - photograph
Robert Fones - Toronto, ON - What the Locals Make - photograph
Sarah Elizabeth Fuller - Banff, AB - Antlers - photograph
Karen Gallant - Hunter River, PE - Life on the Edge - painting
Fatima Garzan - Waterloo, ON - My Way; Light Through Responsive Mind - painting
Murray Gibson - Antigonish, NS - The Three Fates - fine craft
Lorraine Gilbert - Ottawa, ON - FieldWorks, LeBreton Flats, 2006 - photograph
John Graham - Nepean, ON - Anima amica - print
Hadley & Maxwell - Berlin, Germany - Survival Kit - photograph
Toni Hafkenscheid - Toronto, ON - Skaters - Rideau Canal - photograph
Clayton Hanmer - Toronto, ON - Nagle Road - painting
Bradley Harms - Calgary, AB - Supersexe - painting
Isabelle Hayeur - Montréal, QC - Quaternaire II - photograph
Antonia Hirsch - Vancouver, BC - World Map Project: Equal Countries A-Z - print
David Hlynsky - Toronto, ON - Adjusting the North - print
Sarah Hodgkins - North Vancouver, BC - Toquerville, Utah I 2005 - photograph
Bettina Hoffman - Montréal, QC - Park - photograph
Spring Hurlbut - Toronto, ON - James # 2, from the series Deuil - photograph
Krisjanis Kaktins-Gorsline - New York, USA - Rupertsland Handicrafts

- print
Holger Kalberg - Platform with Smoke Plume - painting
Dan Kennedy - Toronto, ON - The Farm. The Gold. The Lily White Hands. - painting
Jane Kidd - Calgary, AB - departure, voyage, arrival - tapestry
Klatle-Bhi - Squamish, BC - Bear Mask - sculpture
Thomas Kneubühler - Montreal, QC - Private Property # 4 - photograph
Wanda Koop - Winnipeg, MB - Flood - painting
Kristiina Lahde - Toronto, ON - Envelope piece #15 - sculpture
Maskull Lasserre - Montréal, QC - Industrial Fairytale - sculpture
Corwyn Lund - Toronto, ON - Tehran, January 14th, 2006 - photograph
Sara MacCulloch - Halifax, NS - Fields, France - painting
Rory MacDonald - Montréal, QC - Dark Flow (flow blue series) - print
Gwen MacGregor - Toronto, ON - Cruise - other
David McMillan - Winnipeg, MB - Red Floor, Pripyat 2004 - photograph
Sandra Meigs - Victoria, BC - Scenes for My Affection - painting
Margot Metcalfe - Halifax, NS - Wharf - photograph
Kent Monkman - Toronto, ON - Emergence of a Legend - photograph
David Morrish - Corner Brook, NL - place-home-house - print
Tom Patterson - Bella Coola Sun Mask - sculpture
Gregory Payce - Calgary, AB - Parian - fine craft
Jocelyn Philibert - Montréal, QC - Sans titre (poirier de Mandchourie) - photograph
Ed Pien - Toronto, ON - Invincible - Before Day Break - drawing
Ned Pratt - St. John's, NL - New Construction, Witless Bay - photograph
Ramona Ramlochand - Montréal, QC - White Desert (frame 1) - photograph
Anne Ramsden - Montréal, QC - Still Life (orchids) - photograph
Ben Reeves - Vancouver, BC - Unrecognized Head of an Unrecognized State #1-4 - print
Arthur Renwick - Toronto, ON - Jani -photograph
Tony Romano - Whitby, ON - Mountains I to IV - photograph
Betsy Rosenwald - Saskatoon, SK - Top of the world, Alaska - painting
David Ross - Montréal, QC - Musée d'art de Joliette: 19,800 seconds - photograph
Neil Rough - Edgett's Landing, NB - Untitled from the series Florida - photograph
Jay Simeon - BC - Dogfish Mother - print
Danny Singer - Vancouver, BC - Marquis - print
Doug Smarch Jr. - Teslin, YT - Homage to Chamber Maid - other
Steve Smith - At Play - sculpture
Jeremy Stanbridge - Vancouver, BC - Abstract Painting (goforcrysham) - painting
Cindy Stelmackowich - Ottawa, ON - The Disaster Series Triptych - print
Diana Thorneycroft - Winnipeg, MB - Martyrdom at the Rink - photograph
Howie Tsui - Ottawa, ON - Bipolar - drawing
Helen Verbanz - Halifax, NS - Blue ice (from the series Ice Prints) - photograph
Weppler & Mahovsky - Vancouver, BC - Hanging Plant - sculpture
Jennie M. White - London, ON - Tsunami - drawing
Gu Xiong - Vancouver, BC - Chinese Golfers - photograph

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